# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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AIR POLLUTING INDUSTRIES IN KERALA
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that pollution level in the air of Eloor and Ambalamedu in Ernakulum of Kerala is above the permissible limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any facility for regular check-up of Air Pollution quantity in the Industrial belt of the said area;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has received any complaints regarding the air pollution caused by Carbon Chemical Factory at Karimugal in Ernakulam;

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) the steps taken to provide regular check-up facility for air pollution in the said district?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (g) : Central Pollution Control Board in collaboration with the Kerala State Pollution Control Board has set up ambient air quality monitoring stations at Eloor and Ernakulum for regular ambient air quality monitoring. The results indicate that the levels of Sulphur Dioxide (SO2) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) are within the national ambient air quality standards whereas, the levels of Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) are exceeding the stipulated norms.Central Pollution Control Board has received one complaint regarding the pollution caused by the Phillips Carbon Black Ltd., which was referred to Kerala State Pollution Control Board for immediate necessary action. The Board has issued series of directions to the industry and the case is sub-judice.